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NOTE FOR: ☒ Comptroller
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☐ General Counsel
☐ Associate General Counsel for
Intelligence Community Affairs
☐ Director, Office of Community
Coordination, IC Staff

FROM:

Chief, Legislation Division, CGC

Held for
believe this goes
against the grain of
DCI's talk with
Baker and with
various Congressmen
but perhaps the effort
still should be made.
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I believe that this is the moment to undertake an effort to ensure that the Intelligence Community is able to spend at authorized fiscal year 1983 levels beginning on 1 October. I think this effort will be successful only if undertaken via a direct appeal from the Director to key Members of Congress. Attached are draft letters to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. I request your concurrence in these drafts by COB Friday, 17 September, so that they can be forwarded to the DCI for signature. The letters will have to be cleared through OMB prior to their transmittal.

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Attachments

Burt -
Give me your
reaction - Does not
appear workable to me.

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Honorable Jamie L. Whitten, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As the Congress begins its consideration of a continuing appropriations resolution for the fiscal year which begins on 1 October, it is apparent that there will be considerable controversy over spending levels for the Department of Defense. I am deeply concerned that because of the link between the Intelligence Community's appropriations and the Defense appropriations bill, the Intelligence Community could be adversely affected by disagreements in which it is not directly involved.

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Sincerely,

William J. Casey

cc: Honorable Silvio O. Conte
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Appropriations

Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo, Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations

Honorable J. Kenneth Robinson
Ranking Minority Member
Permanent Selecting Committee on Intelligence

Honorable Jack Edwards
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations

Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Appropriations

Honorable Barry M. Goldwater, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence

Honorable Ted Stevens, Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations

Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
Ranking Minority Member
Select Committee on Intelligence

Honorable John C. Stennis
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations